

Pulliams to Tour Europe and Mideast

Eugene C. Pulliam, publisher of The News and The Star, and his wife, Nina Pulliam, will leave New York September 10 for a month's reporting tour of Europe and the Middle East.

Their tour will include a visit behind the "Iron Curtain" in Communist Hungary, where they will be guests of the American Ambassador, Christian Ravndal.

"What I want to know is whether this peace move is real or phony?" Pulliam said, referring to recent Soviet overtures to the West.

Mrs. Pulliam's observations on feminine life abroad will appear in the women's section of The News. Pulliam also will report his observations on political and economic affairs.

Their dispatches will be syndicated by the North American Newspaper Alliance.

The Pulliams' visas for the visit to Hungary were cleared by the Hungarian ambassador in Washington, Karoly Szarka. During the course of these arrangements, Pulliam invited the ambassador to Indianapolis next fall to address the Foreign Relations Committee. Szarka tentatively has accepted.

In all, the tour will include nine countries: Germany, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Cyprus, Iraq, France, Austria and Hungary.

Mrs. Pulliam, secretary-treasurer of Indianapolis Newspapers, Inc., will celebrate a birthday in Istanbul. It will be the third time she has celebrated a birthday in the Turkish capital during the course of reporting tours.

With completion of the tour this month, the Pulliams, acting as a reporting team, will have visited 73 countries since the end of World War II.

They toured Europe and the Middle East in 1947, and two years later visited all the nations receiving Marshall Plan aid. In 1950 they went to South America and in 1951-52 went around the world.

Mrs. Pulliam visited Australia in 1953 and a book by her on the "down under" country is scheduled for publication in the fall.

The book is titled "I Traveled a Lonely Land."

The Pulliams will return from their trip October 7.

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